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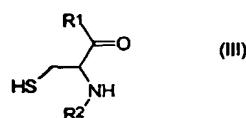
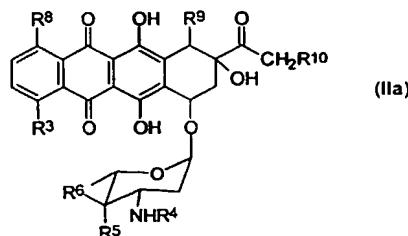
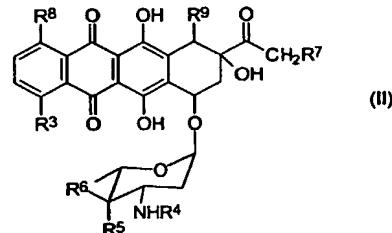
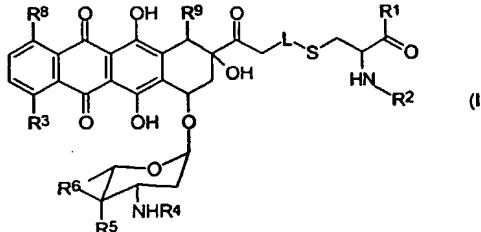
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(54) Title: METHOD FOR THE SYNTHESIS OF ANTHRACYCLINE-PEPTIDE CONJUGATES



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(57) **Abstract:** The present invention relates to a method for the preparation of a compound of formula (I) or pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof and intermediates thereof, comprising the steps of: a) halogenating a compound of formula (II), resulting in compound of formula (IIa), b) reacting a compound of formula (IIa) at its 14 position with the thiol moiety of a peptide of formula (III), optionally in the presence of a suitable linker, to obtain said compound of formula (I), wherein R₁ represents OH, NH₂ or NH-peptide; R² represents H or -CO-peptide; R³ represents OCH₃, OH or H; R⁴ represents H, or COCF₃; R⁵ represents OH, O-tetrahydropyranyl or H; R⁶ represents OH or H; R⁷ represents H, OH, OCO(CH₂)₃CH₃ or OCOCH(OCH₂H₅)₂; R⁸ represents OH or H; R⁹ represents OH or H; R¹⁰ represents a halogen and L is an optional suitable linker arm.